to Spend New Year's Day

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were hung with black, and to lighten gowned in ghostly gray flowing dra-

cut from stiff paper. Behind them were came of in the friendly grasp. No one

up the surrounding horrors there were peries. As each guest greeted her a se-

New Year's day is a more serious one than it was a few years sgo. Then it was a simfor the young ladies to reat home, while the young gentleattred in their best, called to ex-mod wishes for the new year. But general accord it is regarded as to pay visits on the first day

Year's has none of the religious which pervades the Christis merely a holiday which hapstume fixed by man. The forming was a pleasant and, it must of the significance of the holiday. by that this has been done away and there has been offered no satary substitute hostesses are castto spend the day. The decadence ient effect of causing families and it as an appropriate time for and intimate friends freand intimate friends fredty are indulged in by many living in rural communities, si living in rural communities, parly every household celebrates desit of the new year with games est of the new year with games incle home amusements as adthe stereotyped "Happy New

straining after appropriate enments for New Year's a great more or less freakish efforts have side. One of the most unique of on was that of a Chicago lady, she called a ghost party. Only is friends were invited, and the were not sent out until the entertainment is that it reso preparation, as when the mentioned as having been emiste will readily suggest them

chicago ghost party all the ons were of the hair raising The invitations were sent out re cards having a deep border the regular thing used by peris first mourning. They read, are asked to meet the departing of the year at a wraith reunion." ards for obvious reasons were in white envelopes. The decos for the ghostly party were a blesome and required a lot of s along rather grewsome lines. were not at all expensive

The astrologers tell us we are made the gloom in the region of the ceiling. filled with sawdust had been drawn up up of three parts, one of spirit, one of earth and one of imagination; so all one had to do when evolving a party of this kind was to draw a big check upon the imagination, which is easily hon-ored everywhere. The guests upon entering the home of this hostess on New Year's eve found the hall draped in black and lighted very sparingly with candles. At the entrance to the drawng . com were hung curtains of blackany kind of cheap, dull finished material. Over the door on a mount of silver paper in black was the announce-

About the room was hung southern moss-the long, gray kind. From the chandelier swung an artificial spider. Over the floor, making anything but a bed of roses for the unwary foot tread, were artificial toads, spiders and uncomfortable specimens of this character. To add to the horrors, in one corner of the room was a table on which was an enormous anake made by coiling an old yellow and black drop light tube and adding a snake's head formed of paper. It sounds quite inoifensive, but when seen in the gloom of ment, "The Home of the Wraiths," its surroundings and placarded "Be-

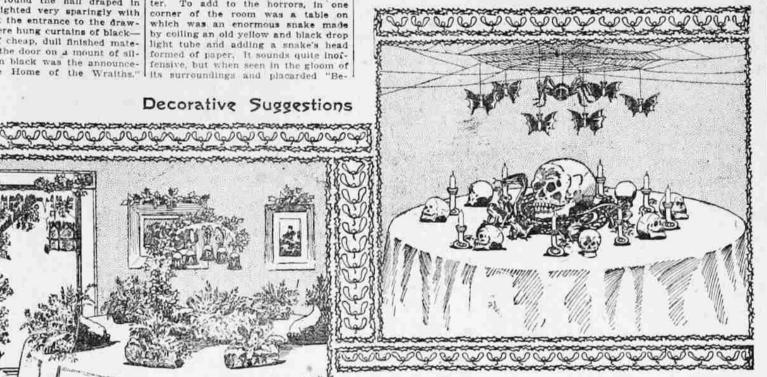
into the sleeve with the good hand.

The games of the evening were as uncanny as the rest of the proceedings.

In one part of the room was a witches' presided over by the three witches who predicted the rise and fall the darkened dining room was spread

were a small piece of ice covered with sheepskin, a small fur muff, a wet sponge and a toy mouse just wound up. Ghost story telling was part of the programme, and each member of the party was asked to tell a story. When the second tale was about to begin the story telling was interrupted by a visit from supernatural guests. Clothed in yards of floating gray stuff, these visitants floated about until discovered by some of the party. They then disappeared as suddenly as they came upon

At about half past 11 the guests were invited out to supper. In a corner of



For a Ghost Party.

more than a large preserving kettle, most shuddery manner. under which were fagots. The light was obtained by burning alcohol sprinkled with salt. The witches stirred the boiling liquid in the pot, uttered incantations and as the guests bobbed up foretold what the new year had in store. These witches were selected with care, as much depended upon their thrilling prophecies

Another game of "creeps" was carried out in the following fashion: The company gathered about a large round table, and some one appointed for the task handed all kinds of shaky, shivery objects underneath It. bicycle candles. This semilight broke stopped to consider that a wet gleve passed from one guest to another. Ob- other was depressing-

of Macbeth. The caldron was nothing | a rather small table decorated in the

Worms and spiders worked by springs wandered about over the cloth which was a pall of funeral black, and large dishes bore the inscription, "Baked funeral meats."

Just as things were getting rather too intense and the spookiness too spooky a peal of bells broke the spell. Light flooded the room and disclosed a beautiful supper table gay and bright in its appointments. The hostess then announced a truce to the old war of spirits and a goodby to her guests.

The second table was as attractive and as optimistic in treatment as the

jects that were used with good effect New Year's bells arranged on rustic arched centerpleces made of twigs trimmed with holly and mistletoe. which should appear as if growing from a bank of scarlet euphorbia, scarlet carnations and lilies of the valley. All of these things can be made from the

Christmas "left overs." The large English lantern shown in the illustration was fastened at the entrance of the room in some conspicuous position and formed a novel and beautiful decoration. A table less elab-orately decorated would be quite as ef-GRACE GRISCOM.

Proper Care of Rugs and Carpets.

How many rugs and carpets are worn out in half the time they should last by the constant beating and weeping they receive! Instead of this they should be kept clean with a carpet sweeper and occasionally put out on the grass. Lay them on the wrong side and beat with a furniture beater: then reverse and sweep carefully, using a soft brush for preference. A little airing outside of the sun's

rays is very good for them. Always brush the carpet in the direction in which the nap lies, never in the opposite direction, as this destroys the luster. When a large carpet is to be thoroughly cleaned it is better to send it where the work is properly done. These cleaners do the work very effectively and are not hard upon the carpets.

If, however, you have carpet squares or rugs you wish to clean at home proceed as follows: Stretch and tack the square upon a clean floor, then scour it well with soapsuds. After the scouring it must be thoroughly rinsed to remove all trace of the soap, after which the rug should be left in the same position to dry, and the tacks should not be removed until it is perfectly dry. If this is done the rug will not shrink and will lie perfectly flat upon the floor when put down.

Creases and ridges are sometimes seen in rugs, which look like an imperfection in the weaving. This is invariably the result of the rug having been folded and not rolled.

Which Shall It Bet Mrs. Guff-What might be the matter,

Mrs. McDuffer? You look puzzled. Mrs. McDuffer-And I am that, Mrs I want to buy a quarter of a pound of tea and a new glass butter dish, and by this and by that I don't know whether to buy my tea at the shop where they give away the butter dishes or to buy my butter dish at the place where they give away the tea.

Saucepans and Rust.

Nearly every one in replacing sauce pans on the shelf leaves a little of the rim beyond the edge, but few understand that this prevents the pan from rusting.

DAINTIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

FRUIT AND NUT SALAD. - MIX half a pint of whipped cream with two yolks of eggs, add the juice of one lemon, a half teaspoonful of sait and a half teaspoonful of sugar. Pour over the salad. Mix together in a bowl a half cupful of pecan nuts boiled in salted water for ten minutes, a half pint of finely cut apples, the same quantity of finely sliced oranges and half a cup-ful of chopped celery. Open a head of lettuce and remove the heart. Mix half of the dressing with the fruit, nuts and celery and fill the center of the salad. Pour over the remaining dressing and decorate with slices of oranges, apples and pecan nuts.

Molded Eggs.-Butter a half dozen timbale moids. Sprinkle the bottom and sides with chopped parsley. Break one egg in each mold, keeping the egg whole. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper and put a tiny bit of butter on top. Put the mold in a pan of hot wa-ter and place in the oven. Cook until the whites of the eggs are set, which usually takes from five to ten minutes.

Potato Biscuits -Boll six white potatoes until tender. Mash them and when cool add one cupful of milk and enough flour to roll out. Add two teaspoonfuls of baking powder just before adding the flour and cut into small biscuits. Bake in a quick oven twenty minutes.

Rice and Cheese Croquettes.-To one cupful of cold boiled rice add half a cupful of cheese, one beaten egg. salt and pepper. Turn out on a platter and when cold divide into portions. Form into croquettes, roll in crumbs, then in beaten egg, then again in breadcrumbs. Fry in deep fat until a golden brown. Drain on paper and serve with tomate sauce.

Lines For the Kitchen.

Always have lobster sauce with salmon, And put mint sauce your roasted lamb on.
In dressing saiad, mind this law—
With two hard yolks use one that's raw. Roast veal with rich stock gravy serve. And pickled mushrooms, too, observe. Your mutton chops with paper cover And make them amber brown all over, To roast spring chickens is to spoil 'em-Just split 'em down the back and broll

'em. The cook deserves a hearty cuffing Who serves roast fowl with tasteless

stuffing.

Broil lightly your beefsteak—to fry it
Argues contempt of Christian a...
It gives true epicures the vapors
To see boiled mutton minus capers. Nice oyster sauce gives zest to cod-A fish, when fresh, to feast a god. But one might rhyme for weeks this way. And still have loss of things to say, And so I'll close, for, reader mine. This is about the hour I dine.

"THE INSIDE STORY

DOINGS OF THE "SMART SET" IN NEW YORK

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Noticeable for her chic appearance, as well as her unique beauty and vivacious transer, was Mrs. Jimms Stillman. She was Fifi Fotter, you to his former will be the subman of James Brown Fotter isn't much older than Fifi and Stillman. I should imagine the bonge, to the same vintage as his fathering of the same vintage as his fathering of the father's efforts to suppress her spirited tendencies in dress and manner. Fifi developed a strong resemblance to her mother, the once socially prominent Cora Urquhart and for many years the theatircally notorious Mrs. Brown-Potter It is said that Mrs. Stillman, who is still a young gird, never saw her mother-wen across the feetilghts—after the sensational divorce of fifteen or twenty years ago. The latest story—(I am simply giving you town gossip)—is that James Brown Potter and other members of this aristoratio family, including the Bishoo of New York, bought off the beautiful Cora from her intention of coming to America to play in our variety thealers it fail. Then it was—to quote the segual-monger—that the New York whore any offered, indirectly, to pay for a London theater and back her in several productions, if she would abandon her intention of acting in this country, which appearance would, of course, rake out the old skeleton.

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SoDA SPRINGS, 1da., Dec. 25—please answer the following question in your next Sunday's Tribune, which is the place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I had met him. He burst for it is place I h

erside Drive that he married into a few years ago. But what form would be permissible for a bishop to use on finding that the henored name of Potter was employed to exploit the sensational Vicar of Gorieston's melodrama about a clergy-man enticed from his Christian duty and family fireside by a siren of the stage. We could even forgive the reversed man using the expression of annoyance now most popular and most wicked in town-which I heard a freyed daughter of the Astors use only yesterday—Oh, splash." Yet, as Oliver Herford said on meeting the bishop, "Actresses will happen in the best regulated families." We will probably never know the "Inside story" of the backing of Cora's latest exploit, but I venture to guess that the intimate facts of her regulable with Beerbohm Tree, a year or so ago, were more amusing. She

The real shivers of the evening began

ries of shrieks was heard, for her hand

Walls upon greeting the hostess, who

By the way, lest I forget, I must "tip off"—(when you get to the subject you'll see that that phrase isn't as unsuitable as it might seem)—to the latest fad of smart folk. It is to discuss criminals, or people on trial on criminal charges, very freely and intimately. A personal concern is quite au fait, and first names are in line. Indeed, the opening wedge of criminal trials as a smart diversion has been entered. The Earl of Suffolk's persistent presence at the Nan Patterson bearing wasn't as unusual as people on the outside seem to think. "Nan"—it wouldn't be considered class to call her less familiariy—is the idol of the smart set. No less than three matrons, appreciating the necessity of a novelry, had hid plans to get her for a dinner inmediately on her acquittal. Who else is there so timely for a sensation? With five Princes lately in town, and no end of Dukes and Earls, the nobility bubble is burst; and monkey dinners have been dead some time. Alice Roosevelt's anake put them everlastingly out of business.

I have racked my brain for a way to get

got a pretty big dose of the two singers on hand. But in the midst of things he spied a Russian girl in the audience and haled her into service. It was a good idea Novelty—or even oddity—is like a breath of spring to us, and we almost stopped chattering. She played the violia very well, and had a quaint and attractive manner, and we applauded ourselves into quite an appetite for lincheon. The meal isn't technically part of the "mornings," but people who do things right always make it such. The hotel "makes it such, too, with a special monu, and quite lovely decorations. But I can telk you, to get a table requires wealth as well as will. The south palm room—the north is regarded as "lay," and the big dining-room as merely duil. So hundreds maneuver for twenty tables. Of course, only the regular customers get even a chance and they have to engage 'way anead. We were lucky enough to get a table near the reading-room door; considered the place of places. If you sit here long enough you'll see all America pass.

**Now, dear, au revoir, and take my warning—don't exchange the vinigrettes and other things you got for Christmas and don't want for things you do. You night as well keep them for weeding prosecus; it's asier for brides to hang about shops exchange they funk. They really have

You know, I promised to keep you up on the latest lokes in town—the kind that are

Now, dear, au revoir, and take my warning—don't exhaust yourself hustling to exchange the vinigrettes and other things you got for Christmas and don't want for things you do. You might as well keep them for wedding presents: it's asier for brides to hang about shops exchanging silver junk. They really have worked also a do. Your loying changing silver junk. They really have nothing else to do. Your loving IDA INNERLY.

.. Questions and Answers...

you please state in next Sunday's paper, first, what is the total paid attendance of the St. Louis, Mo., fair. 2. And what is the total vote of the last Presidential election, and oblige yours truly-A

We have seen no report of this, 2. It was 13,508,496.

SPRINGVILLE, Utsh, Dec. 29.—Will you please answer in the Question and Answer department of your next Sunday's issue who is the secretary of the board of examiners to examine appli-cants for position in the Panama canal service, and greatly oblige me and sevcrail others.—E. N. Jordan.
All information on this point can be had by addressing the Hon. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Last week the following appeared un-

der this head: FILLMORE, Utah, Dec. 20.—Gentle-FILLMORE, Utah, Dec. 20.—Gentle-men:—We wish to have you answer the following question in your Question and Answer column. On a trade slot ma-chine the instructions are given as fol-lows in regard to a straight flush: "All of one suit in rotation, as 3, 4, 5, 6, 7." of one suit in rotation, as 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and a flush—"all of one suit, regardless of rotation." The following play came up: After manipulation the machine showed the following, "8, 7, 6, 5, 9, all spades." Now, what would you call that, according to instructions as given as the company of on machine (which we have given above —a "strang flush," or a "flush"?—L. W. G.

This was erroneous, the play was a

the land office be likely located, or is it already located? 5. From where can we obtain sectional maps of the Ulintah country, at what price? 6. Is it possi-ble to go to examine the Ulintah country and choose our land before the day of opening?—John Feltwell

With respect to all these matters, all we can say is, that the regulations respecting this opening have not yet beer formulated, but any information availa-ble will be cheerfully furnished by the United States land office in this city.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 30.-Under Questions and Answers in Sunday's is-sue, please state the number of inhabitants there are in Casper, Wyo? 2. What supports the place?—Subscriber. By the census of 1900, Casper had 883 inhabitants. 2. Live stock and wool. and as the terminal of the Chicago & Northwestern, it is the shipping point for a large region of country

Clever Little Stories.

Here is a typical Japanese humorous there is a typical Japanese numerous story: A quack doctor had prescribed the wrong medicine for the only son of a certain family with the result that the boy had died. The parents determined to have revenge. So they sued the doctor at a court of law. The affair was eventually patched up, the quack giving the bereaved parents his own son in return for the one he had killed. Not long after this the doctor heard a loud knocking at his door one night. On going to the door he was in-formed that the wife of one of his neighbors was directorical. neighbors was dangerously ill, and that his presence was required at Turning to his wife he said: "T quires consideration, my dear. "This re is no knowing but that it may end in their taking you from me." Prof. Simen Newcomb tells of the following incident which occurred during

TEA

People think spices and extracts are always dishonest. No; they are not.

Your gracer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best

a recent visit paid by several young do the astronomers ever find out their Western women to the Washington observatory. "I had done my best," said Dr. Garth, a witty physician of the

the astronomer, "to answer with credit court of Queen Anne, had prescribed a to the Government and to myself the nauscous dose for the great warrior the running fire of questions which my fair Duke of Marlborough. When the Duke callers propounded I think I had named objected to following the directions the even the remotest constellations for them, and was congratulating myself upon the outcome, when one of the party inter-jected. But, as it has never been proved that the stars are inhabited, how long the remotest constellations of the party inter-jected. But, as it has never been proved that the stars are inhabited, how long the remotest of the party inter-jected. But, as it has never been proved that the stars are inhabited, how long the remotest of the party inter-jected. But, as it has never been proved that the stars are inhabited, how long the remotest constellations of the party inter-jected. But, as it has never been proved that the stars are inhabited, how long the remotest constellations of the party inter-jected. But a star in the party inter-jected in the party inter-jected in the party inter-jected. But a star in the party inter-jected in the party in the party in the party in t



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